

J. G. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Public Buildings, submitted the following report:
MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred house file No. 552, a bill for an act to protect persons against injury by fire in certain cases, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

J. G. HUTCHISON, *Chairman*.

Ordered passed on file.

HOUSE FILE NO. 552.]

[BY MARTINDALE.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROTECT PERSONS AGAINST INJURY BY FIRE IN CERTAIN CASES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all buildings
2 used for hotels, boarding houses and tenant houses, now or hereafter built in this state of
3 more than two stories in height, shall be supplied with iron ladders as a means of safety in
4 case of fire.

SEC. 2. Said ladders shall be constructed of wrought iron not less than five-eighths of an
2 inch in diameter, and shall not be less than twelve inches wide nor more than sixteen inches
3 between steps. It may be made stationary or adjustable on the outside of said buildings: but
4 if adjustable, shall be so arranged as to be available and accessible at all times from doors or
5 windows in each story of such buildings.

SEC. 3. Each of said buildings shall be supplied with at least two such ladders, placed on
2 opposite sides of the same, if practicable.

SEC. 4. If any owner, lessee or manager of buildings referred to in section one (1) of this
2 act use the same for either of the purposes therein mentioned before complying with all the
3 provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof,
4 shall be punished by fine not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars, or by im-
5 prisonment in the county jail not less than ten nor more than thirty days, or by both fine
6 and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.